

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 1, before the title of the application, i.e., "Benzamide Inhibitors of the P2X7 Receptor", please insert the following text:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 60/437,228, filed December 31, 2002.—

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 18-21, and replace it with the following:

P2X₇ antagonists are known in the art, such as those described in International Patent Publications WO 01/46200, WO 01/42194, WO 01/44213, WO99/29660, WO 00/61569, WO 99/29661, WO 99/29686, WO 00/71529, and WO 01/44170, as well as in USSN [] 10/292,887 (attorney docket number PC23106A, filed November 12, 2002).